

## Proposed Amendment to Resolution 211

Proposed by: Mr. Pack  
Introduced by: Mr. Hollis, Mr. Pack, Ms. Price  
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### KEY

**Boldface**..... Heading or defined term.  
Underlining..... Added to existing law  
~~Strikethrough~~..... Deleted from existing law  
\* \* \* .....Existing law unaffected.

Proposed Amendments: The amendments proposed to the text of the original resolution are as follows:

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### Section 209 Officers of the Council

The Council shall elect from among its members a President and a Vice President on ~~an annual~~ a biennial basis. The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings.

On all questions before the Council the President and Vice President have and may exercise the vote to which each is entitled as a Council member.

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Purpose: This new language is intended to eliminate the proposal in the original resolution that the Councilmember-elect receiving the highest number of popular votes shall serve as President during the first biennial term, and to eliminate the proposed change requiring the election to be on the first Tuesday in December.

Amendments are not substantive: An amended ordinance cannot be deemed to be new or different one unless it enlarges or narrows the scope of the original ordinance to such an extent that the ordinance as enacted can be said to be misleading in a substantial manner in its final form. Amendments that do not defeat the original purpose of the ordinance are not so substantial as to become a new ordinance. *Ajamian v. Montgomery County*, 99 Md. App. 665, 684-685 (1994). This amendment meets that test and it is therefore not substantive.